

Congress Asked to Reopen JFK Assassination Probe

Washington (UPI) — A former Warren Commission lawyer asked Congress Saturday to reopen the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, partly because of "inexcusable dereliction of duty" by the CIA and FBI in withholding evidence from the original inquiry.

The lawyer, David W. Belin, said he is confident a thorough new investigation would confirm the same conclusion reached in September, 1964, by the commission headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren: that Lee Harvey Oswald beyond a reasonable doubt was Kennedy's lone assassin.

But he refused to rule out the possibility that evidence of a conspiracy may some day surface.

Belin said he has asked the federal government to release all materials relating to the assassination held by the CIA and the National Archives, including Kennedy autopsy photographs and X-rays. He said withholding of the medical reports at the request of the family was a mistake.

Kennedy was assassinated 12 years ago

Saturday in Dallas. Oswald was captured later in the day after purportedly slaying Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit. Oswald himself was assassinated by Jack Ruby, a Dallas burlesque hall owner. Ruby was convicted and died of cancer while in prison.

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